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Inmate Death at USP Tucson

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, November 23, 2020, inmate Terry Drake tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Tucson in Tucson, Arizona. Institution medical staff provided treatment and monitored his condition. On Thursday, November 26, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital due to respiratory distress. On Monday, December 7, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Mr. Drake, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital medical staff.

Mr. Drake was a 73-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Michigan to a 300-month sentence for Transporting a Minor in Interstate Commerce with Intent to Engage in Sexual Activity; Using a Facility or Means of Interstate Commerce to Entice a Minor to Engage in Sexual Activity; Felon in Possession of Firearms; and Transportation of Stolen Firearms. He had been in custody at USP Tucson since June 27, 2019.

USP Tucson is a high security facility that currently houses 1,340 male offenders.

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